

St. James United Church Life and Work, July 15, 2018

We offer our condolences to Betty Pilgrim and family on the passing of her husband, Ross Pilgrim, on Monday, July 9. The funeral took place at St. James on Saturday, July 15.

Financial Update:

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.

Giving's for: June 24: \$3,566

July 1: \$2,148

July 8: \$ 2350

Members of our choirs and congregation, now that the Music Program has finished for the summer, please consider sitting in the choir pews! No musical/vocal experience or expertise required!

Handy hint: if you visit www.stjamesuc.org/category/bulletins/ on a Sunday morning, you will know the hymns for the service that day.

Tickets are now available for purchase or reservation from our Church Office for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

Please see the notice boards or visit projectgrace.ca for details on their summer music camps and adult music lessons.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support Palestinians in Gaza. Some 1300 Christian Palestinians live in the Gaza Strip, enduring 3 wars in 5 years along with their Muslim Neighbours. Israel controls land, sea & air around Gaza, with one crossing into Egypt through Rafah controlled by Egypt & monitored by the European Union in coordination with Israel. The Near East Council of Churches (NECC) works in Gaza with both communities, focusing on providing education & health care to a population under blockade. In Gaza City, the NECC operates apprenticeship programs for young men & women to develop skills such as fashion design & aluminium engineering. Even these programs are adversely affected by the blockade. For example, not all materials needed for aluminium housing are allowed into Gaza. The NECC operates 3 primary health care clinics in Gaza, serving over 150,000 people. Patients receive primary health care, antenatal & postnatal care, malnutrition & anemia treatment, psychosocial support (especially for children), family planning services & dermatological care. The latter was recently introduced due to the high prevalence of skin disease as a

result of the effects of war & the poor quality of water in Gaza. Through these programs, the NECC gives hope to a civilian population facing blockade, unemployment, poverty & frequent wars.

2018 Memorial Services: *General Protestant Cemetery on Topsail Road on Monday, July 16 at 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

Out In Faith NL invites you to the third annual Multifaith Service during Pride Week. It will take place at The Gathering Place on Thursday, July 19 at 7pm. The LGBTQ2S+ community and allies gather to celebrate the spirit within. We also acknowledge the many manifestations of pain and joy often experienced within organized religions. There will be reflections by several community members and singing with Spectrum Queer Choir. It is an uplifting and heartfelt evening filled with honesty and joy. Refreshments will be served. People of all faiths and spiritual beliefs are welcome.

The St. John's Pride Parade will be held today, Sunday, July 15th. The parade starts at 3:00 and those who wish to march in the parade will be meeting outside City Hall at 2:00. You are invited and encouraged to march with St. James!

Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group's monthly 'Caregivers Education and Support Program' will take place on Tuesday, July 17 at 1:30-3pm at Park Place Community Centre, Mount Pearl. If you are a primary caregiver and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

Bridges to Hope is looking for donations of school supplies for their annual Bag to School program. Each year Bridges to Hope provides curriculum based school supplies and school bags to North East Avalon students in kindergarten to high school and Adult Basic Education. This year St. James has been asked to donate Exercise Packs (regular & spiral bound). Donations can be dropped off at the office, or in the donation box at the front entrance of the church.

George Street United Church offers a spiritual uplifting event for youth, teens and families. This is Katie Power's debut album launch and features a full band with the opening group Kadapa which is an African Reggae Band with a 90 year old man leading the group. Join us on Friday, August 11th at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20.00 at the door or \$15.00 in advance at the George Street United Church office. For more information please contact katiepowernl@gmail.com or call the church office at 726-8775.